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Mariposa County Court House

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History - Mariposa County seat
Agua Fria, 1850-1854. Mariposa
became Seat and court house built there in
1854. The oldest court house in California,
it is being preserved as originally built,
except that it has been lengthened back of
first three windows in the late 1940's.

Description -

Two story building, built on classical lines of hand-hewn timbers and whipsawed sidings, held together with mortise tenon and wooden pegs. The square clock tower, installed 1866, with battlemented balustrade around the top. Pedimented gable with round decorative window. Sturdy Tuscan pilasters at the four corners from ground to top of second story. Plain undecorated entablature. Six-paned double-hung windows. Court woom with old seats and bar remain unchanged. Judge's bench solidly built of local lumber. (built to accomodate three judges)

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